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We're Back

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For those who don't know what happened Counterpoise was put on hold due to the loss of my contact lens, yes I only wear 1 lens, as the left eye is for the most part useless. That meant my workload had to be culled somewhat in order that I could do things I had to get done here at home in my personal life, as well as the essential duties I have as Secretary for our club. Sometimes it takes 2 months plus to get a contact lens, especially when complications arising from a birth defect impose upon the process. I have a working lens now and can continue on with those duties that were suspended for the first three months of this year.

Moving on; here is a brief description of what happened since November 2016.



We had our Christmas party, and drawing which went well. We had a good turn out and everyone went home happy and with a full stomach.

The board ran unopposed this year, we do currently have an opening on the board, 2 directors positions are available to members who wants to take an active role in the direction the club takes for 2017.

In January Bob W2IRI gave a presentation on the Raspberry Pi computer. He gave a brief history on the Raspberry Pi and discussed many applications, both amateur and non amateur.





At the end of Bob's presentation he gave away a Raspberry pi Daniel KK6ZEM won the raspberry Pi.

Also in January Paul our webmaster received the 2016 Ham of the Year Award for his work on our web page. We also had a silent auction of gear that was donated to the club, January was a very busy month indeed.

The February meeting presentation was on MARS operations during the Viet Nam conflict by Dennis Vernacchia N6KI, his presentation was well done and showed the behind the scenes of one of the more important aspects of life overseas during the Viet Nam war. Providing a means of communication between service members and their families in the pre-Internet age was an essential tool in maintaining morale.

The March meeting presentation was put on by Pat WA6MHZ put on a presentation which included the 1972 KC4DX Navassa Island Dxexpedition. It was amazing to see these guys lug most of a dozen pieces of gear up a cliff side. It was even more amazing to see a relatively young Wayne Green W2NSD. Pat then followed up with the W4/K7CO Dxexpedition to Timor-Leste, East Timor from Oct 2014 both were very enjoyable to watch, thanks Pat.

ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2



Yaesu FT-847 Back From The Dead

The Club's Yaesu FT-847 is back ready for service after an accident at last year's Field Day. Pat, Dave, and George were able to effect repairs to the radio. Parts were straightened and a new display was ordered. Unfortunately the display took several months to locate one. There are a few minor things left to fix however the radio will be available for Field day.



Fry's Operating Day

Sunday May 7th San Diego Six Shooters and Fry's Electronics will be holding another Operating Day Event. Time to bring out your portable, mobile and GO Kits and meet the public. Operating Day is a wonderful chance to expose the public to our hobby and some of what we do to be prepared for disaster, or to show off our portable gear we use for DX.

Fry's Electronics is located at 9825 Stonecrest Blvd, San Diego, CA 92123 (off Aero Dr.) Setup begins at 7 AM, Public Operations begin by 9 AM - Until 4 PM, or thereabouts.

See You There.

NEW SOCIAL CHAIR NEEDED

Terry, K6TRY, our current Social Chair is stepping down. We need to find someone to volunteer for this position. The Social Chair is responsible for setting up the refreshments at the meeting and re-supplying items when needed. Any help would be appreciated



2017 Field Day

The 2017 ARRL Field Day is just around the corner, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday, June 24-25. The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon will be making plans for this year's event, come be a part of the planning process, and join our operating crew. We hope to see you there. ..



Our Tower Trailer Needs A New Home

The current storage location for the club's antenna tower will not available very soon. The club is looking for a volunteer willing to store the tower trailer. The new location must be secure, and 24 hour access is highly desired. If anyone wants to volunteer to store the trailer, or, has any suggestions on where to store the antenna trailer, please contact any officer or board member.



Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

Dell Awards
7949 Broadway
Lemon Grove, CA 91945
(619) 469-2100
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm
Sat 10am-1pm
Sun - Closed

Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.



Next Month's Meeting

To Be Announced
Check our website
For more Details

wa6bgs.us

Swap Meet Listings

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon has a Swap Meet listing page on our website and here in Counterpoise, Have something you want to buy, sell, or trade list it with us. See <http://wa6bgs.us/swapmeetlegal.html> for more listings and posting guidelines. This is a free service to our members.

New Resources

	New Battery Supply & Battery Recycling for SD New Marine Battery-Heavy Equipment Battery-Tuck/Auto 619Battery.com Shop 619-448-5323 Mobile 619-315-5604 Call/Text 1985 Friendship Dr B El Cajon 92020 Jeff Schwen
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Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.



The **AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF EL CAJON**^{Inc.}
WA6BGS

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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: ___ / ___ / ___

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Cash Check Check # _____

Membership Type: Individual (\$20/year) Family* (\$35/year)

Membership Status: New Renewal Returning Member

Call Sign First Name _____ Last Name _____

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member: Yes No

License Class: Technician General Extra Other

Email Address (required) _____

Phone Number (optional) _____

**Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

Submitting this form:

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon
P.O. Box 50
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at www.wa6bgs.us which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

Members with an FCC Call Sign are full members with voting privileges. Members without an FCC Call Sign are Associate members without voting privileges.

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